

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, October 7, 2011				Report Date	Wednesday, October 5, 2011			
Decision Required		Yes	X	No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only		Information Only		x	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE
Clerk's Report - For Information Only 07-10/11/801

1. I have been told by area residents that the Family Health Team has lost another Doctor and people who have been waiting on appointments have had them cancelled. Is there something that could/should be done concerning Physician Recruitment from a Council perspective?
2. I have discovered that we were (or at least I was) under an incorrect belief that the DR and LH fire departments would not respond to auto-ex calls on our municipal roads. I was corrected during a phone conversation with Tawnya Roberts of OFM that section 18 of the agreement allows for response on municipal roads. Although in my recollection this issue did not come to light at the Council meeting of September 9 when the decision to discontinue participation was made I did make this statement in the Newsletter and wish to correct that. Additional details are contained in the auto-ex report for this meeting.
3. I have prepared a "Letter to the Editor" to come from Council commenting on some of the "reporting" in the NRT for your review and comments as discussed with one council member. Should this letter be sent?
4. I have been requested to send electronic (e-mail) notification of special and public meetings of Council to those individuals within the community who have email. I explained to the individual making the request that I thought that this service would present challenges:
 - a. By providing an unfair advantage to those within the community who do not have (or wish to have) access to that technology.
 - b. By the repercussions of failing to send the notice due to any number of reasons when these individuals have come to rely on it;
 - c. By not providing a similar service to other residents perhaps via phone (that technology exists, why not use it?)

I further explained that notices were posted on-line and on the bulletin boards as per our Notice By-law and that the individual had to take some responsibility to routinely check these locations if they would like to keep informed. Does Council feel that email notification should be sent out?
5. We are progressing with plans for our emergency management exercise, please mark the date.
6. We are progressing with obtaining required information for JEPP grant for communications equipment as well as obtaining an agreement with ARES to assist in the event of widespread emergency. A request for proposal for the complete list of equipment required has been forwarded to two suppliers as recommended by Bob Howard of ARES. A draft agreement with ARES is being prepared for further consideration for use in the event that we do not purchase our own equipment.

7. As fall grading has been completed, Bill is now only working on Disposal Sites. He is available to assist Terry when it is required for safety reasons but not on a regular basis. He and I both feel that without specific projects, there is no need for a second person to be driving around in the Township vehicle at this time of year. The need is simply not there.
8. As per the information in the latest newsletter, I have arranged to have Allastair Baird attend at the November 4, 2011 meeting to explain the new focus on Economic Development from the County and what specific services they will provide for HCM.
9. On December 2, 2011 Rick Watchorn the MNR District Manager will present to Council on what the MNR is up to in our area and to make general introductions. Mr. Watchorn has been in his new role since this spring.
10. Due to other priorities, the issue of Goose control will be left to a later meeting.